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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this amendment as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Page 21, line 27; after "mail box." please insert --The banner software 6 then returns the appearance of the icon that appears on the screen to an unaltered appearance after the message has been displayed on the screen. The unaltered appearance is the same appearance the icon had before its appearance was altered. The feature of changing the appearance of the icon can be used for any type of alerting and the icon can be other types of icons that appear on a screen such as the customized browser icon 50. Alerting by changing an icon appearance can be used for alerting used about new E-mail or changes to the publisher content 31.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the remaining Claims as follows:

a2  
31. (AMENDED) Software as claimed in Claim [38] 28 further comprising a banner selection means for selecting a banner image file for the banner display means to display as the banner.